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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

A Preliminary Amendment was filed on October 23, 2003 (along with the original application papers), to remove the multiple dependencies of the claims, and to add new claims 21-32.

The Examiner has not addressed claims 21-32, or noted that these claims are pending in the application.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 2-13 is respectfully acknowledged.

Each of claims 2, 3, 4 and 12 has been amended to be rewritten in independent form, to include all of the limitations of its parent claim 1, which has been canceled.

The claims have also been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

In particular, the informality in claim 6 pointed out by the Examiner has been corrected. A corresponding informality in claim 24 has also been corrected.

However, the Examiner's suggestion of changing "a one-line image" to "an one-line image" in claim 1 has not been adopted, since it is respectfully submitted that "a" is the proper indefinite article for "one."

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered, and it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 2-4 and 12, and claims 5-11, 13 and 21-32 respectively depending therefrom are now all in condition for immediate allowance.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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